


RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
FEB 27 2006

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, facsimile no. (571) 273-8300, on the date shown below.

Dated: February 27, 2006

Signature:


(Richard H. Anderson)

Docket No.: 28570/10289
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jerald W. Darlington, Jr. et al.

Application No.: 10/666,315

Confirmation No.: 7910

Filed: September 18, 2003

Art Unit: 1714

For: MOISTURE-IMPERVIOUS WATER-
SWELLABLE CLAY-CONTAINING
"WATER-STOP" COMPOSITION

Examiner: K. A. Sanders

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.